REMARKS

[0003] Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. Claims 11, 18, 24, and 26-29 are presently pending. Claims amended herein are 11, 18, and 24. Claims withdrawn or cancelled herein are 1-10, 12-17, 19-23, 25, and 30-31. New claims added herein are none.

Statement of Substance of Interview

[0004] Examiner Wong graciously spoke with me—the undersigned representative for the Applicant—on May 31, 2007. Applicant greatly appreciates the Examiner's willingness to talk. Such willingness is invaluable to both of us in our common goal of an expedited prosecution of this patent application.

[0005] During the interview, we discussed the differences between an annotated schema runtime engine and an annotated schema runtime interface. Applicant notes that these features are presented in at least Fig. 15, and the corresponding text at page 29 of the Specification. We also discussed the §101 and §112 rejections and how the claims differed from the cited art, namely Micallef. Without conceding the propriety of the rejections and in the interest of expediting prosecution, I also proposed several possible clarifying amendments.

[0006] The Examiner was receptive to the proposals, and I understood the Examiner to indicate that the proposed clarifying claim amendments appeared to distinguish over the cited art of record. For example, the Examiner indicated that clarification regarding annotated schema runtime engine, annotated schema runtime interface, annotated schema runtime interface cursor interface, spider cursor distinguished claims 11 and 18 over the

cited art, namely Micallef. However, the Examiner indicated that she would need to review the cited art more carefully and/or do another search, and requested that the proposed amendments be presented in writing.

[0007] Applicant herein amends the claims in the manner discussed during the interview. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the pending claims are allowable over the cited art of record for at least the reasons discussed during the interview.

Restricted Claims

[0008] Applicant notes that claims 21 and 22 were included in non-elected Group-I, thus although claims 21 and 22 are included in the rejected claims in the Office Action Summary, claims 21 and 22 were not considered in the Office Action of March 22, 2007, and Applicant does not otherwise address them, herein.

Formal Request for an Interview

[0009] If Examiner Wong's reply to this communication is anything other than allowance of all pending claims, then I formally request an interview with the Examiner. I encourage the Examiner to call me—the undersigned representative for the Applicant—so that we can talk about this matter so as to resolve any outstanding issues quickly and efficiently over the phone.

[0010] Please contact me or my assistant to schedule a date and time for a telephone interview that is most convenient for both of us. While email works great for us, I welcome your call to either of us as well. Our contact information may be found on the last page of this response.

Claim Amendments

[0011] Without conceding the propriety of the rejections herein and in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant amends claims 11, 18, and 24 herein. Applicant amends claims in accordance with our telephone discussion with the Examiner. Such amendments are made to expedite prosecution and quickly identify allowable subject matter. Such amendments are merely intended to clarify the claimed features, and should not be construed as further limiting the claimed invention in response to cited prior art.

Formal Matters

Claims

[0012] The Examiner objects to claim 24 for the informality of improper format. Herein, Applicant amends this claim, as shown above, to correct the informality noted by the Examiner. Thus, Applicant respectfully asks that the objection be withdrawn. The Applicant further asserts that this claim is allowable.

Substantive Matters

Claim Rejections under § 112

[0013] Claims 18-20 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd ¶. In light of the discussion during the above mentioned Examiner's interview and the amendments presented herein, Applicant submits that these rejections are moot. Accordingly, Applicant asks the Examiner to withdraw these rejections.

Claim Rejections under § 101

[0014] Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for "same invention" type double patenting. In light of the amendments presented herein, Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection is moot and respectfully asks that the double patenting rejection be withdrawn. The Applicant further asserts that this claim is allowable.

[0015] Claims 11, 18-20, 23, and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. In light of the discussion during the above mentioned Examiner's interview and the amendments presented herein, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims comply with the patentability requirements of § 101 and that the § 101 rejections should be withdrawn. The Applicant further asserts that these claims are allowable. Accordingly, Applicant asks the Examiner to withdraw these rejections.

[0016] If the Examiner maintains the rejection of these claims, then the Applicant requests additional guidance as to what is necessary to overcome the rejection.

Claim Rejections under § 102

[0017] Claims 18-20 and 23-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102. In light of the amendments presented herein and the decisions/agreements reached during the above-discussed Examiner interview, Applicant submits that these rejections are moot. Accordingly, Applicant asks the Examiner to withdraw these rejections and the case be passed along to issuance.

Dependent Claims

[0018] In addition to its own merits, each dependent claim is allowable for the same reasons that its base claim is allowable. Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of each dependent claim where its base claim is allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter

[0019] Applicant notes that no art was cited against claim 11 and that only §101 and §112 rejections were applied. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments presented herein place at least claim 11 in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests notice of such be provided forthwith.

Conclusion

[0020] All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the **Examiner is urged to contact me before issuing a subsequent Action**. Please call/email me or my assistant at your convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

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